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1. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the pending nomination of Lieutenant General Cushman. Braswell indicated that General Haynes, Legislative Liaison for the Marine Corps, had been in touch with him on the subject of confirmation hearings and the alleged problem pertaining to the maintenance of General Cushman's three-star status. The Marine Corps has apparently explored the possibility of having General Cushman confirmed without a hearing in advance of his departure from his present position in Vietnam. Braswell is obviously quite irritated about the way the Marine Corps is handling this and sees no reason for it. He said that it was possible for the Committee to do what General Haynes suggested, but he sees no reason for it. As Braswell put it, the Marine Corps "has not made its case" to him. I told Braswell that this was obviously a Marine Corps problem with which we were not familiar. Braswell added that he was quite certain that the Committee would want to have General Cushman make a personal appearance since it would appear that he could be made available between the 25th of March and the 15th of April.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Established contact with Brigadier General F. E. Haynes, Legislative Liaison for the Marine Corps, in connection with General Cushman's pending nomination. General Haynes appears quite confused about the whole situation to the point of saying that according to information he received from Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, General Cushman's nomination had not been received by the Committee. (This was published in the Congressional Record of Friday, 7 March 1969.) General Haynes appeared pleasant enough, however, and in reviewing the problem of maintaining General Cushman's three-star status acknowledged that this was a Marine Corps problem. No action by this office appears indicated at this time.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the pending nomination of General Cushman and the timing of Committee hearings on the nomination. I told him it was my understanding that the General would be leaving Vietnam on or about 25 March and was scheduled to assume his duties as DDCI around 15 April. Braswell said he assumed the Chairman would want General Cushman to appear before the Committee, but said there was no urgency on this. It can be arranged sometime between 26 March and 15 April.

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11. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Homer Krout, Administrative Assistant to Representative Joel T. Broyhill (R., Va.), regarding the Congressman's telegram to the Director on behalf of [REDACTED] and his pending BEC claim. I told Krout that I had been in touch with our Personnel people who were pulling [REDACTED] file and that when the case had been reviewed we would be in touch with him tomorrow morning. Krout acknowledged that [REDACTED] was a very confused individual, but said he had been pressing them for some time to have them again contact the Agency. Krout said they had also sent a telegram to the Bureau of Employees' Compensation. He said they wanted to cooperate with us in every way and appreciated the nature of this case.

12. (Secret - GLC) Talked with William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, about Senator Ervin's response to the Director's letter to Senator Ervin on S. 782. Woodruff offered little encouragement, but said he thought it essential that the Director see Senator Ervin again this year in an attempt to reconcile our problems over the bill. If this fails (as he expects it will), he feels that the Director should then meet privately with Senator Russell and spell out to him the Agency's problems with this bill. Woodruff said that senators are most reluctant to interfere with the business of another senator in his committee capacity, but he recognized that our Subcommittee members should be forced to focus on Agency problems since they have asserted legislative oversight jurisdiction over CIA.

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